



29 March 2021

Deputy Martin Browne  
Dáil Eireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

**PQ 14637/21: To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists in County Tipperary registered as participating in the dental medical card scheme over the past five years in tabular form.**

Dear Deputy Browne,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

Adult medical card holders have access to dental services under the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS) through care provided by private dentists that hold DTSS contracts with the HSE.

I wish to advise the Deputy that the data requested is not available by county. The number of dentists participating in the DTSS is available by HSE Local Health Office (LHO) region and is detailed below for relevant LHOs in each of the years 2017 to 2021.

Number of Private Dentists with DTSS contract	LHO 22 North Tipp/East Limerick	LHO 31 South Tipperary
Jan-17	29	28
Jan-18	25	25
Jan-19	26	24
Jan-20	26	24
Jan-21	26	23

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but if you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

**Joseph Green**  
AND, National Oral Health Lead - Operations